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FROM AMBASSADOR WADSWORTH

Re my telegram 321 from Dhahran

Herewith best preliminary reply to questions of detail re King
Saud visit I have been able work out with Royal Counselor Yusuf
Yasin.

1. Royal party will be between 40 and 50 persons, all men,
as outlined below. This is less than half numbers taken on
royal visits to India and Iran.

2. It is difficult to divide party into "official ten" and
"others" instead, we suggest following seven categories:

(A) Members of official party who would participate or be
available to participate in high level discussion and negotiation:
His Majesty King Saud, His Majesty's uncle Prince Musaeed, four
royal counselors one of whom may be Minister Finance; total 6.
(Note: Yasin would be one of counselors; others as yet unnamed;
even Musaeed open to change).

(B) Members of official party who would not (repeat not)
participate in discussions but whose rank, equivalent to
minister, entitles them to full official status: Director
General of Press, Broadcasting and Publications Abdullah Balkhair,
and Bureau Chief of Royal Diwan Mohamed Ben Ghaither; total 2.

(C) Members of official party chosen to backstop categories (A)
and (B): Royal Physician, Protocol Officer, His Majesty's
military aide, three Political Department officials, two Royal
Diwan officials, and three Royal guard officers; total 11.

(D) Bodyguard

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